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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE IN SINGAPORE

REF: STATE 029225

1. UNOFFICIALLY, GOS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ATTORNEY TAKING TESTIMONY OF "WILLING WITNESS" NOT IN PRESENCE OF CONSUL AND USING HIS OWN COURT REPORTER, PROVIDED THAT SUCH QUASI TESTIMONY WOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON ANY OFFICIAL ACTS, DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS OF THE GOS. EVIDENCE TAKEN THIS WAY WOULD NOT BE ADMISSABLE BEFORE SINGAPORE COURTS.

2. COURT REPORTERS IN SINGAPORE ARE NOT AVAILABLE NOR PERMITTED TO TRANSCRIBE TESTIMONY OR TAKE WITNESS'S OATH EXCEPT BEFORE MAGISTRATE AND IN SUCH CASES SOLICITOR OR BARRISTER RECOGNIZED BY SINGAPORE BAR ASSN. MUST BE RETAINED TO TAKE TESTIMONY.

3. ONLY DESIGNATED SINGAPORE SOLICITORS ARE COMMISSIONED AS NOTARIES AND COULD ADMINISTER OATH OUTSIDE OF COURT, HOWEVER, AUTHENTICATION OF NOTARY'S SIGNATURE BY CONSUL WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LEGALIZE USE OF THIS PROCEDURE FOR U.S. COURTS.

4. WE SUGGEST ATTORNEY AND ACCOMPANYING COURT
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REPORTER, IF NOT COMMISSIONED BY U.S. COURT TO ADMINISTER OATH, MAY WISH TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF EMBASSY'S GOOD OFFICES WHEREBY CONSUL WILL ADMINISTER OATH. OTHERWISE ATTORNEY SHOULD REQUEST U.S. COURT PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO CONSUL TO TAKE DEPOSITION ON WRITTEN INTERROGATORIES IN USUAL MANNER, (US\$50 DEPOSIT REQUIRED FOR THE LATTER).

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